

CURIOUS RELIC OF SLAVERY

GENERAL ARMISTEAD
HAS BILL OF SALE FOR
NEGRO WOMAN

DOCUMENT RECALLS HORRIBLE INSTITUTION

System of Bondage Upon
Which the North Fattened
and the South Thrived.

General H. B. Armistead, United States commissioner at Ft. Smith, has in his possession a document which is quite a curiosity even in the South. It is a bill of sale given by Jacob Smyers to John Pittsworth, both of Crawford county, Arkansas, for a negro woman.

It reads as follows:
"Know all men by these presents that I, Jacob Smyers of the county of Crawford, and Territory of Arkansas, have this day bargained and sold and delivered unto John Pittsworth of the State and County aforesaid, a certain negro woman named Sophy, thirty years old, for the sum of five hundred dollars in hand paid which negro I do hereby warrant to be sound healthy and sensible and furthermore do warrant the said negro against the claims of any person or persons whatsoever, unto the said John Pittsworth from me my heirs and assigns forever. Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of July, 1854."
JACOB SMYERS.
Charles H. Sanders.
Peter Thumbarry.

The bill was presented to General Armistead by Mrs. Van Houser, grand daughter of Colonel Arbuckle, was uncle, General David Arbuckle, was in command of Fort Smith for many years and died there. His remains were interred in the National cemetery in Fort Smith. Colonel Arbuckle was the owner of Arbuckle Island, one of the largest islands in the Arkansas river, during his lifetime.

Discusses Slave Question.
General Armistead has been a deep student of the negro question. He was reared in the South and knows the situation thoroughly and has this to say on the slavery question:

"This document reminds us of one of the most horrible institutions in our country. People in the North are wont to blame the South for keeping slaves but they should recollect that when the constitution of the United States was formed twelve of the thirteen colonies believed in slavery. At that time the people did not regard

it with the horrorfulness that they do now when we look back at it.

"The Southern states engaged in the slave traffic. They brought the slaves to this country in New Zealand ships, but it was not profitable to keep the slaves in the North and the people there sold the black men to the South. They used the money gained in that trade to start manufacturing institutions and their descendants are living on that blood money now. The negroes were profitable in the South where they could be used to good advantage in the cotton fields.

"The shame of the traffic in the black man is really divided over the country. Later the North decided that the slavery system was wrong, and it was, although we of the South did not believe it at that time.

Pities the Negro.
"I have nothing in my heart but pity for the colored people today. I have been in many Northern cities and find that the two races are separating more and more every year. It is hard for a negro to attain anything. He is dependent in most cases upon the white man and those in this country would not be able to make a living if deported to Africa. It is a great question for the white race will never allow the black race to dominate. As to the proposition of deporting the negroes, it is a well known fact that the merchant ships and the United States navy could not carry the colored people back to Africa as rapidly as they increase in this country. It would seem an endless task, and that proposition is practically out of the question.

"I have spent much time in trying to devise some plan in which the two races might be separated to live in peace and comfort, but the problem seems too big to solve and apparently must be allowed to partially take its own course, so that time will shape conditions which will themselves settle the question.

South the Negro's Friend.
"The negro cannot look to the North for assistance, for while the people of the North are friendly at a distance they really entertain a stronger feeling against the race than we do in the South."

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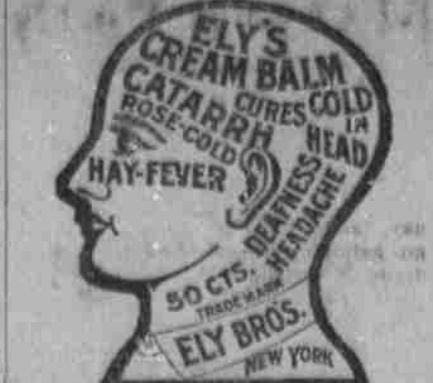
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Your money does it invested in none of my real estate bargains.
FOSTER, THE LAND MAN.

INSURANCE FOR WORKINGMEN

(By Associated Press.)
Christiania, Aug. 2.—Arrangements have been completed for an international labor congress in this city next week to be attended by representatives of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. Insurance for workingmen is one of the most important matters to be discussed by the congress.

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is an expression as old as the race. No doubt the rising and setting of the sun is the most regular performance in the universe, unless it is the action of the liver and bowels when regulated with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

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RALLY OF MACCABEES

(By Associated Press.)
Allegan, Mich., Aug. 2.—The largest rally and encampment ever held by the Maccabees of western Michigan took place here today. More than five thousand members of the order were in attendance from Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo counties. The day was devoted to our dear sports, speech-making and social entertainment.

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BIG GATHERING OF GERMANS

(By Associated Press.)
Toledo, O., Aug. 2.—The national colors of Germany and the United States are liberally displayed in the business section in honor of the annual convention of the German American Staats Verband. The gathering was opened today and will continue over tomorrow. Large delegations are on hand from Cincinnati, Sandusky, Springfield, Massillon, Canton, Columbus, Cleveland, Steubenville and other cities of Ohio.

Are You in Doubt Where To Spend Your Vacation?

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350 pairs boys Knickerbocker knee pants at 25 per cent off at the Annex.

LEADING ZOOLOGISTS ASSEMBLE IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Aug. 2.—Distinguished zoologists from all parts of the world are to assemble in Boston the latter part of this month to take part in the Seventh International Zoological Congress. It will be the first session of the congress ever held in the United States and an extraordinary interest has been aroused considerably.

The association exists for purely scientific purposes. The coming meeting will be carried on in three general sessions, which will be devoted to addresses and discussions on scientific subjects, and to a large number of action meetings for the discussion of various branches of zoology.

The convention promises to be of the utmost interest to the scientific men of America as well to the large number of foreigners who will be in attendance. Every possible attention will be paid by the American committee in charge of the entertainment of the delegates while in this country.

After the session of the congress are concluded in Boston the foreign delegates will visit a number of other cities to inspect education and scientific institutions. In New York the visiting scientists will inspect Columbia University, the American Museum of Natural History and the Marine Laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Two days will be spent in Philadelphia in the inspection of the zoological gardens, the Academy of Natural Sciences and the institutions connected with the University of Pennsylvania. A stay of several days in Washington will be followed by an excursion to Niagara Falls, Toronto and the University of Toronto. Returning to New York about the middle of September the scientists will sail on a week's trip to Bermuda before disbanding.

Pineoles are for the Kidneys and Bladder. They bring quick relief to backache, rheum, lumbago, tired worn out feeling. They produce natural action of the kidneys in filtering waste matter out of the blood. 30 days treatment \$1.00. Money refunded if Pineoles are not satisfactory. Sold by J. N. WALLACE.

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The New York World has been for a year, diligently seeking for a satisfactory answer to the question, "what is a Democrat?" Bryan and several other leading Democrats have attempted to answer the question, but no satisfactory answer has been given in judgment of New York World, for the reason that every answer received, failed to show that any real difference existed between a Democrat and a Republican. The editor of the Oklahoma man however, has answered the question and gives a distinctive difference. "A Democrat" is a man who takes a drink when he is invited, and a Republican sets 'em up."

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DEMOCRATIC STATE PLATFORM.

We, the representatives of the Democratic party, of the state of Oklahoma, in appealing to the citizenship of our state for their support, do respectfully submit these principles of self-government for which we stand and which are of special interest in the pending campaign.

Local Issues.
We believe we should have the right of local self-government immediately, without delay, or evasion.

We believe the people of Oklahoma should and will condemn at the polls the efforts of those who have been trying to defeat statehood for our people.

We submit to the people of Oklahoma the best State Constitution that has ever been written and in asking the suffrage of the patriotic citizenship of this state, we firmly stand upon this Constitution in its entirety as our platform. In this splendid organic law we have carried out in perfect good faith every pledge made by us to the people of the state and have drawn a constitution which not only protects the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of the citizen, but the constitution that takes the most advanced ground of any organic law in existence for the protection of the property rights of the people against the greedy hand of avaricious modern monopoly.

School Lands.

We believe that as soon as possible state for educational purposes should and practicable the lands held by the be sold upon terms that shall be absolutely fair to the people of this state, preserving the preference right to the lessees, guaranteed by the enabling act, to the end that such lands should become taxable and be made more valuable and productive by the actual owner thereof.

We believe that the funds derived from the sale of such lands should be faithfully preserved and invested. We believe that the present state as provided in the constitution, schools should be maintained and that other necessary schools and state institutions should be established equitably throughout the state.

Coal and Asphalt Lands.

We favor the purchase of the segregated coal and asphalt lands at a fair price to be agreed upon between the state authorities and the Choctaw and Chickasaw governments subject to the approval by a vote of the people of this state before the contract of purchase shall become effective.

We favor the fullest development of such lands in the interests of the state and the production of cheap fuel for the people of this state.

We favor the immediate sale of the surface of such segregated coal and asphalt lands in small tracts to actual settlers.

We strongly oppose the passing

of the timber land and other natural resources of the state into the hands of great private monopolies.

Removal of Restrictions.
We believe the people of this state should be immediately terminated, and that the basis of this bureau government the restrictions on the sale and lease of lands of our citizens should be removed summarily, except as to homesteads of full-bloods; and we favor the immediate settlement of tribal affairs and the immediate distribution of all tribal funds.

We believe that the estates of those mentally incompetent, of whatever race, should be protected by our state probate courts. We will take care of our own defectives of whatever race or color and will not rely upon the federal government to discharge this proper function of our state.

Invested Capital.
We believe that it is of the greatest importance to the development of our new state to give perfect safety and assurance to invested capital, and that where complete security is afforded, capital will gladly seek investment at the lowest rates of interest.

We draw a broad line of distinction between capital invested in honest enterprise and predatory capital engaged in conspiracy against the proceeds of labor of the American people. We oppose those crafty corporations which artfully contrive to destroy competition and thus fix an arbitrary price on the necessities of life and on those things which are produced by our own people. We do not intend to encourage predatory capital in this state. We do intend to protect our people in the proceeds of their honest labor. We favor special care for the protection of the rights and interests of the laboring people, such as the farmers, the miners, the artisans, the small tradesmen and the women and children of this state.

Natural Resources.
We favor the speedy development of all our natural resources and especially of our oil and gas region. We favor the development of every form of manufacture, for which our natural resources so well qualify the state.

Good Roads.
We pledge the passage of a road law that will enable the people in each county to provide for themselves a good system of roads.

Schools.
We recognize the education of the people as absolutely essential to the development of this state and to the continuance of supremacy of the Democratic party. We pledge the party to vigorously promote in every reasonable way our public school system so that this state shall stand in the front rank in the educational column.

Economy.
We pledge the people of this state to an economical and faithful administration of its affairs and that the state taxes shall be as low as possible for the conduct of a state government properly administered.

Separate Coaches.

We approve the resolution of the constitutional convention of March 1st, 1905, pledging the enactment of laws at the earliest possible date during the first session of the first legislature providing for separate coaches or accommodations and waiting rooms for the negro race. We pledge in like manner to carry into

effect the provisions in the constitution for separate schools for the negro race.

Prohibition.
The question of prohibition has been removed from partisan politics and has been left to the vote of the people in accordance with the principles of the referendum.

Fulfillment of Pledges.
In the constitution which we submit we call attention to the important fact that we have faithfully carried out every pledge made to the people in the last campaign. We unreservedly endorse the action of the Democratic majority in its faithful compliance in drawing the constitution in accordance with our pledges to the people, and we believe that the Democratic party, now entrusted with power in the administration of the state government, will faithfully enforce, execute and carry into effect every principle of the constitution as adopted by the people and a strict enforcement of every law enacted by the people or legislature of this state.

National Issues.
We hereby express our allegiance to the great principles of government advocated by the national Democratic party, upon which we believe the future welfare of the Republic must depend.

We reaffirm our allegiance to that greatest living exponent of Democratic principles, William Jennings Bryan, and endorse him for our Presidential nominee in 1908.

We emphatically demand the reasonable and proper control of transportation and transmission companies and the supervision and control of all enterprises engaged in interstate commerce.

We favor the improvement of the waterways of the Mississippi valley and the establishment of water transportation wherever practicable throughout the Union.

We believe that the patriotic element of the Republican party are no longer able to control or greatly influence that great political organism. We believe that the machinery in that party has fallen under the influence of the great plutocratic powers and organized monopolies of this nation.

We denounce and condemn the national Republican party for the lavish use of money belonging to the people of Oklahoma in the reclamation service in other states, and pledge our members in our national congress to use their best efforts to require the reclamation service to use the money belonging to Oklahoma in Oklahoma.

We believe that the vast contributions of money by these special interests have given such interest such power over the Republican party that a remedy for national conditions under which the people suffer is impossible through that party.

We appeal, therefore, to every good citizen who places patriotism above consideration, happiness and the welfare of the great body of our producing classes above the enrichment of the few; and who believes in local self-government, to join us in a holy crusade for the restoration to the people of their rights.

We join upon the advocates of Democracy that they treat with special respect those of our fellow citizens who by environment, affiliation, or by any other reasons have heretofore affiliated with other parties, and we urge them only to use sound argument in appealing to their reason and to use the force of courtesy and kindness in the great task of restoring to the American people their rights to the pursuit of happiness.

The Constitutional Convention Is Historic

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